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The present paper is submitted in response to the Advisory Action mailed May 15, 2007. No fees, including extension of time fees, are believed necessary for consideration of the present paper. However, if any fees are necessary, including extension of time fees, the extension of time is hereby requested, and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, including those for the extension of time, to Haynes and Boone, LLP's Deposit Account No. 08-1394.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.